

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3114
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2001
IDENTITY CARD TO LABOURERS
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any decision to issue Identity Card for the labourers engaged in construction work;
- (b) if so, the names of the States where it is likely to be made mandatory for the employers of these labourers to issue such cards to them; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in other States including Maharashtra for the welfare of such labourers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (c): The Government have enacted the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment & Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 for the welfare of the workers engaged in construction work. The Act provides for setting up of the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Boards by the State Governments. These Boards are required to issue identity cards to the construction workers registered with them. As per the reports received, from the State Governments, the State Governments of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Assam have already constituted such Boards. Many other States and Union Territories have informed that they are in the process of setting up the Welfare Boards.